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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.312

Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the Notice of Allowance mailed October 18, 2005. Applicants have received and reviewed the Notice of Allowance in the above-referenced application. Applicants respectfully request that the present amendment, filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.312, be entered prior to issuance of the above-identified application. Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows.